

# Anti-Graffiti Program



# Anti-Graffiti Task Force

- Formed in March 2008
- Address Economic Impact on Businesses
  - Quality of Life Issues
- Retaliation Concerns with Gang Graffiti

# Public Works Removal

## 2008

- \$280,967.01\*\*
  - Cost for removal by Central Inspection
- 1,876 removals

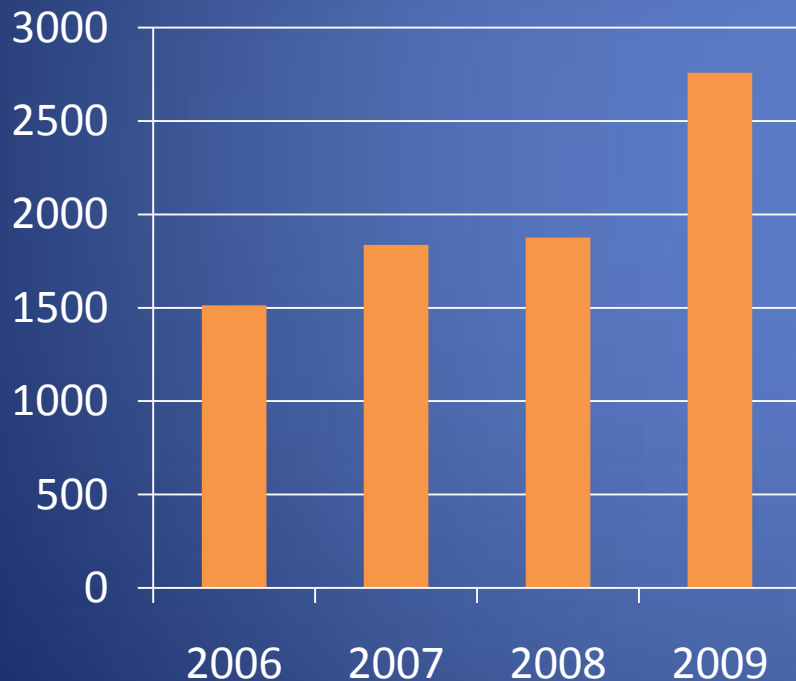
## 2009

- \$290,954.06\*\*
  - Cost for removal by Central Inspection
- 2,758 removals

\*\*excluding public property removal by Parks Dept & private removal

# Public Works Removal

# of Graffiti Clean-ups

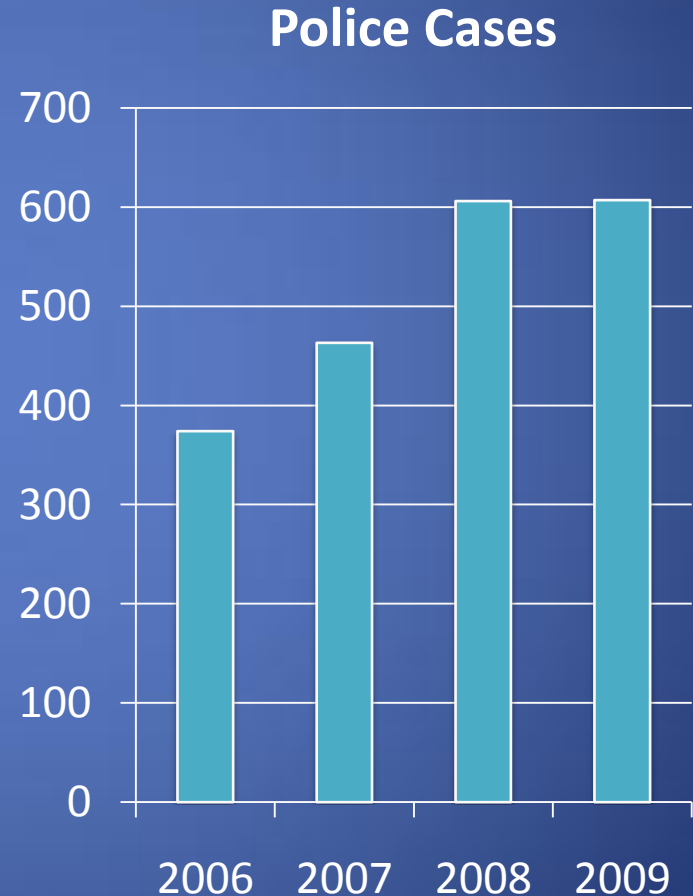


- 2006 1,512
- 2007 1,837
- 2008 1,876
- 2009 2,758

# Police Cases 2006-2009

- 2006 374
- 2007 463
- 2008 606
- 2009 607

62% Increase from  
2006-2009



# Police Cases

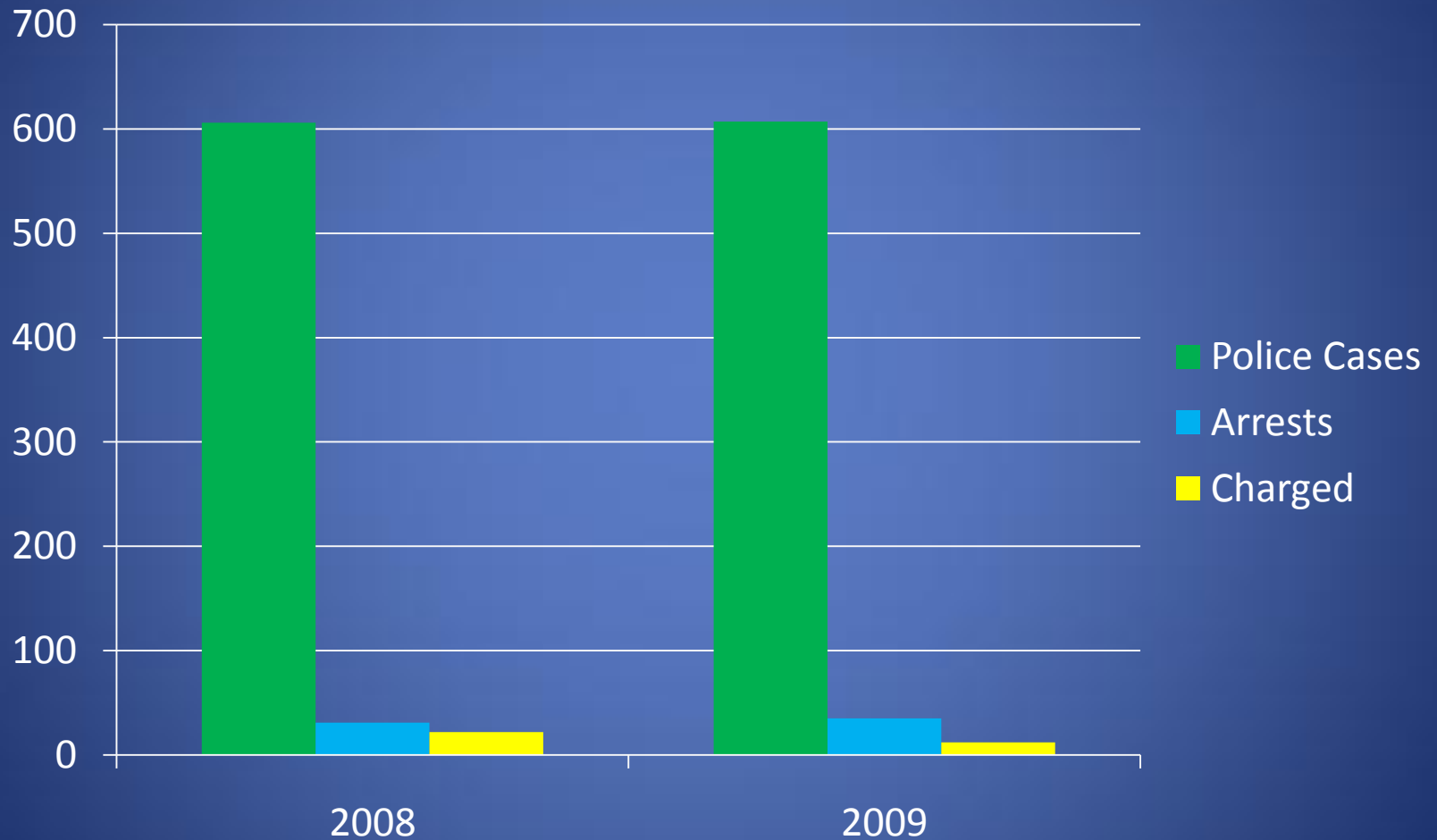
2008

- 606 Police Dept. cases
- 31 arrests (5.1%)
- 22 charged (71%)

2009

- 607 Police Dept. cases
- 35 arrests (5.8%)
- 12 charged (34%)

# Police Cases





# Anti-Graffiti Task Force

- Wichita Police Department
- Office of Central Inspection
  - Public Works
  - City Council
  - Law Department
- Neighborhood Association Members



# Business Survey

- 53 local businesses surveyed Spring 2009
- Owners were given a copy of the proposed ordinances.
- Possession of Graffiti Implements by Minors
  - 86% Support                      14% Do Not Support
- Implements Prohibited in Designated Public Places
  - 88% Support                      12% Do Not Support
- Limiting Access to Graffiti Implements
  - 81% Support                      19% Do Not Support

# Business Survey

## Stakeholder Demographics

- 100% of the Businesses Sell Graffiti Implements.
- 85% Chain Store
- 53% of Business Owners Contacted Reported Being the Victim of Vandalism.

PREVENTION  
EDUCATION  
ENFORCEMENT  
&

COMMUNITY PARTICIPATION

# Prevention

- Community Murals
- Community Paint-outs
  - Anti-Graffiti Paints
  - Youth Mentoring
  - Crimestoppers

# Education

- Public Meetings
- Neighborhood Assoc. Meetings
  - Business Contacts
- Children's Coloring Book
  - Media Campaign
  - DAB Meetings
  - C.P.T.E.D surveys
- Graffiti Prevention Flyers

# Enforcement

- Implementation of New City Ordinances
- Police Special Assignments Targeting Graffiti Vandals
- Follow-up with DA's Office on Charging Cases
  - Additional Police Training
  - Police Intelligence Database

# Current City of Wichita Ordinance

5.37.030



## 5.37.030 Defacement or Damage of Property by Graffiti

*Any person who writes, sprays, scratches, or otherwise affixes graffiti upon any property, public or private, in which another has an interest and without the consent of such other person shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not less than two hundred fifty dollars or more than one thousand dollars, or by imprisonment for not more than six months, or by both such fine and imprisonment. In addition to such penalty the court may order the defendant to perform the necessary labor to clean up, repair, or replace the property damaged by that person or to pay any costs incurred by the owner related to the cleanup, repair or replacement of property damaged by that person.*

# Proposed City Ordinance Additions

# Graffiti Implements

- Graffiti Implements Defined: any aerosol paint container, broad-tipped marker, gum label, paint stick or graffiti stick, etching equipment, brush or any other device capable of scarring or leaving a visible mark on any natural or manmade surface.

# Possession of Graffiti Implements by Minors Prohibited

*...it is unlawful for any person under 18 years of age to have in his or her possession any graffiti implement while on any public private or parochial school property, grounds, facilities, buildings, or structures, or within 100 feet of such properties, or upon private property without the prior written consent of the owner or occupant of such private property. The provisions of this section shall not apply to the possession of felt tip markers by minors attending, or traveling to or from school at which the minor is enrolled, if the minor is participating in a class at said school which formally requires the possession of felt tip markers.*

# Possession of Graffiti Implements Prohibited in Designated Public Places

*... it is unlawful for any person to have in his/her possession any graffiti implement while in, upon or within one hundred (100) feet of any public facility, park, playground, swimming pool, skate park, recreational facility, or other public building owned or operated by the city, county, state, or federal government, or while in, under or within 100 feet of an underpass, bridge abutment, storm drain, spillway or similar types of infrastructure unless otherwise authorized.*

# Limiting Access to Graffiti Implements

*...It shall be unlawful for any person, other than a parent or legal guardian, to sell, exchange, give, loan, or otherwise furnish, or cause or permit to be exchanged, given, loaned, or otherwise furnished, any aerosol paint container to any person under the age of 18 years without the written consent of the parents or guardian of the person.*

# Limiting Access to Graffiti Implements

*....It shall be unlawful for any person to sell, deliver, give, exchange, or lend, or cause or permit to be sold, exchanged, given, loaned, or otherwise furnished any graffiti implements to any person who appears to be under the age of twenty-one (21) years without having first verified the individual's age by means of a photographic identification card such as a driver's license, state identification card, passport, or military identification.*